



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Josee HAMEL, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7195

Serial No.: 09/471,255 : Group Art Unit: 1645

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For: NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS ANTIGENS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004. Accordingly, this response is due, together with the fee for a two month extension of time, on or before July 20, 2004.

Please amend the subject application as follows.